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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," for the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully advises that a copy of the Declaration was already filed on November 2, 2006.

As stated in the Notification, although the Declaration does not identify on page 1 thereof the application by the international application number and international filing date, since (1) it contains the title of invention which was on the specification as filed, (2) since the application is identified by international application number and international filing date on page 2 thereof, and (3) since it was accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by serial number and filing date [stated in MPEP § 602

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(VI)], the declaration is in compliance with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

Additionally, although the present application is a national stage of a PCT, as indicated in MPEP § 1896 (VI), "Submissions to enter the U.S. national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 may identify the specification (in the oath or declaration) in the same manner as applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a)...". Accordingly, applicant believes that the identification requirement for the declaration filed for this application has been satisfied.

Accordingly, applicant believes that this Notification was issued erroneously. No further response to the outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements is necessary.

In view of this, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to rescind the "Notification of Missing Requirements" mailed November 13, 2006 for the above-identified application.

Also, a copy of the Notification mailed on November 13, 2006 is attached herewith.

No fee is believed to be necessary; however, if necessary, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

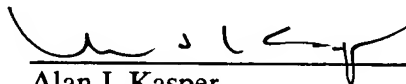
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/03/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/03/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/03/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/03/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/03/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/03/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/03/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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